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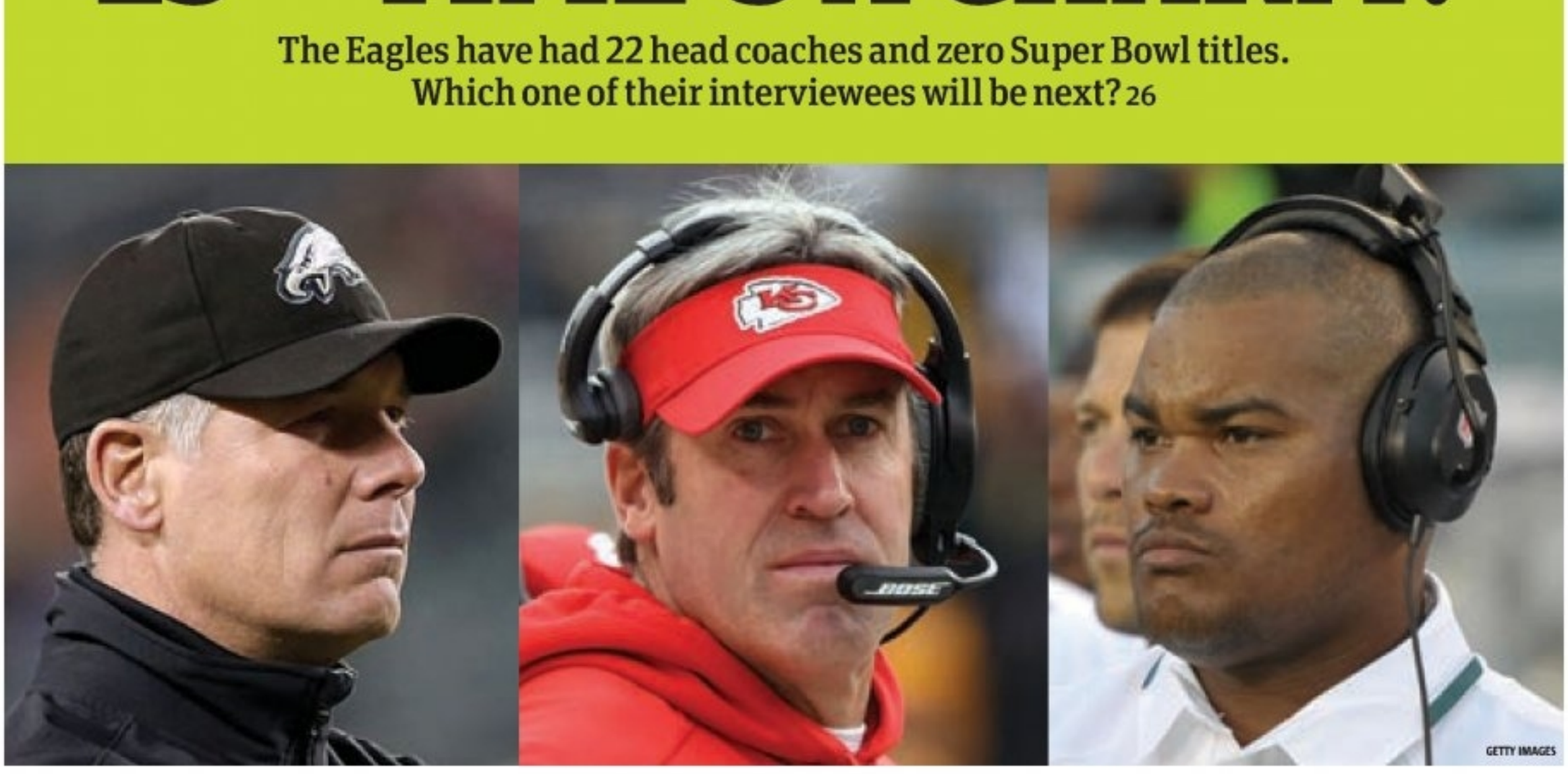

GETTY IMAGES

1 ISTANBUL BOMBING

A suicide bomber thought to have crossed recently from Syria killed at least 10 people in Istanbul, most of them German tourists, in an attack Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu blamed on Islamic State. All of those killed in Sultanahmet square, near the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia — major tourist sites in the center of one of the world's most visited cities — were foreigners, Davutoglu said. REUTERS

2 FLA. DEATH SENTENCE

Florida's sentencing process in death penalty cases violates the constitutional rights of criminal defendants, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday, siding with a death row inmate convicted in the 1998 murder of a fried-chicken restaurant manager. The court's 8-1 decision means inmate Timothy Hurst, 37, could be re-sentenced, potentially avoiding the death penalty. First, the case will return to the Florida Supreme Court to determine whether Hurst's death sentence can be upheld on other grounds. REUTERS

3 MURDOCH, HALL ENGAGED

Media mogul Rupert Murdoch and former supermodel Jerry Hall got engaged over the weekend. Murdoch, the 84-year-old executive chairman of News Corp. and 21st Century Fox and Hall, 59, became engaged in Los Angeles, where they had been attending Hollywood's Golden Globes awards ceremony. REUTERS

POWERBALL MANIA

7 People flocked to Wilson's Check Cashing, the point of sale of a winning $1 million ticket, to purchase lottery tickets for Wednesdays $1.4 billion Powerball drawing, in North Philadelphia on Tuesday. Dennis Love shows his tickets.

7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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4 SEARCH FOR RAPE PASTOR

Chester County police are searching for a pastor whom they say has fled after being charged with the rape of a teen he impregnated while she was living in his home. Jacob Malone, who worked with Calvary Fellowship Church in Downingtown, was charged with rape and institutional sexual assault, CBS reported, adding that his whereabouts could be hard to determine because, as a pastor, he moved around frequently. JASON NUCKOLLS

5 THUGS OFFERED HELPED

Cops said that on Wednesday around 4:20 p.m., a 70-year-old man withdrew cash from a Wells Fargo Bank and began to cross the street to the Jhohandra Restaurant at 3661 North 6th Street. Using a walker, the senior citizen approached the building and told cops "he was approached by two unknown black males who offered the complainant their help." At that point, authorities alleged the men pinned the 70-year-old against the door of the restaurant, went in his pants and took $450. JOSH KRUGER

6 'CHAPO' TRADEMARK

Before his brazen jailbreak last year, notorious drug boss Joaquin "Chapo" Guzman instructed his lawyers to trademark his name, giving Mexican authorities their first clue he wanted to make a film of his life, local media said on Tuesday. The world's most wanted drug kingpin, Guzman was recaptured last week. REUTERS

Affair with teen drove dad to kill son: Prosecutors

DJ Creato and Brendan FACEBOOK

Prosecutors charged Creato killed his son because he was the source of his girlfriend's "hateful discontent with their relationship."

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Prosecutors said Tuesday at an arraignment for a South Jersey dad charged with first-degree murder in his son's death that a tumultuous love affair with a teenage girl set the murder into motion.

DJ Creato, 22, was charged Monday for the death of his 3-year-old son Brendan, who was found dead in a wooded area of Haddon Township, New Jersey, in October. He was held on $750,000 bail after his arraignment hearing Tuesday.

Camden County prosecutor Christine Shah said at Creato's arraignment hearing that he was in a relationship with a 17-year-old girl, identified by PhillyVoice.com as Julie Spensky, and a frequent subject of tension between the two was Creato's custody of his son Brendan.

Shah said Spensky and Creato entered a romantic relationship in June 2015 after meeting on Tinder.

"Despite her strong and outspoken dislike of children, the defendant entered into an intense and romantic relationship with her," Shah said.

The couple exchanged 9,487 text messages up until the day Brendan was found dead, she said.

"The relationship began to have problems in June of 2015, when the juvenile left to go to college and they could only see each other on weekends," Shah said at the hearing. "He had Brendan every other weekend. The girlfriend found this unacceptable and made known her disdain for the fact that the defendant still communicated with Brendan's mother and spent time with Brendan rather than her."

Spensky blogged about and texted about these same gripes, Shah added.

"She threatened repeatedly to break up with the defendant, and he begged her not to do it."

The two had an intense fight one week before Brendan's death, exchanging 578 texts in one day, as the girlfriend threatened not to come to Haddon Township because he had his son that day.

Meanwhile, Creato found that his girlfriend was communicating with a boy she met at college. At one point he posed as her on social media to tell the boy to leave her alone.

The night before Brendan was found dead, Creato got into his girlfriend's Snapchat account and found messages from the boy. He tried to call her three times without any response.

"He was jealous and paranoid that he was going to lose his girlfriend," Shah said. "And there sleeping in the very next room was the primary source of his girlfriend's hateful discontent with their relationship."

Creato called 911 around 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13 to report his son missing. The toddler was found dead three hours later in Cooper River Park by a K-9 unit.

A medical examiner determined that Brendan died from smothering, drowning, asphyxia or blunt neck trauma.

Creato could face life in prison.

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Kenney under fire after Islam comments

From mocking memes to attacks by Rubio, Philly mayor Jim Kenney is earning plenty of derision over comments he made on the role of Islam in a recent police shooting.

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In his first week in office, Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney dealt with every mayor's worst nightmare — a cop being shot.

In his second week, Kenney has become a national punching bag — at least, in conservative media outlets — for his widely reported comments that the actions of shooter Edward Archer, who said he was inspired by ISIS to attempt to kill officer Jesse Hartnett, had nothing to do with Islam.

"In no way shape or form does anyone in this room believe that Islam or the teaching of Islam has anything to do with what you've seen on the screen," Kenney told media at a press conference Friday. "It is terrible and it does not represent the religion or any of its teachings. This is a criminal with a stolen gun who tried to kill one of our officers."

Police Commissioner Richard Ross contradicted those statements moments later by saying that Archer told police he attacked Hartnett out of loyalty to ISIS and because police officers were violating the laws of Islam. Police and the FBI continue to investigate an unverified tip that Archer was a member of a group with three other members who still pose a risk to police.

Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio pounced on Kenney's comments at a campaign stop Saturday, calling him "delusional" and bashing Democrats in general for avoiding using the phrase "radical Islamic terrorist."

"The mayor of Philadelphia — who I know nothing about other than the fact that he's delusional — said this has nothing to do with ISIS or Islam; this is because there are too many guns in the street," Rubio said, according to CNN.

Kenney responded to Rubio in a statement: "I stand by what I said: This criminal is not representative of Islam. Period. I think candidates for office, particularly for president, should not demonize an entire group of Americans because of the actions of violent criminals with deranged views of Islam. … Show some class and dignity when you are running for the highest office in the land."

Spokeswoman Lauren Hitt indicated via email that Kenney is done defending his comments.

"We haven't released any 'clarifying' statements because what the mayor said doesn't need to be clarified," Hitt wrote.

In the meantime, more and more conservative pundits are lining up to take swings at Kenney, and show no signs of slowing down.

He was bashed by conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh, who called him a "looney tune mayor" and an "idiot." His words are also the subject of a critical Wall Street Journal column published Tuesday.

"The mayor's comments, so bizarre in their determined denial of the deluge of facts delivered by top police officials standing next to him, were, nonetheless, familiar enough," columnist Dorothy Rabinowitz wrote. "Americans have learned to expect, after every Islamist terror attack, lectures instructing them that such assaults should in no way be connected to Islamic faith of any kind."

Kenney's comments seem to have touched a nerve — particularly with right-leaning media, where a common theme is the alleged concealment by liberal leaders and mainstream media of crimes committed by Muslims.

The attacks have become sufficiently widespread that they drew a defense Tuesday morning from City Council President Darrell Clarke, who denounced the criticism as "hateful comments."

"As good neighbors and citizens, Philadelphia's Muslim leaders were quick to condemn the violent assault on Officer Hartnett," Clarke said in a statement. "Mayor Kenney's call for tolerance following last week's hateful act is perfectly appropriate."

Kenney meme

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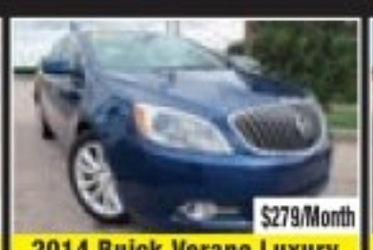
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Philadelphia newspapers to be donated to new nonprofit

Lenfest ROLL CALL PHOTOS

The new arrangement, while unprecedented, is designed to ensure that public-interest reporting will remain preserved.

The Inquirer, the Philadelphia Daily News and Philly.com will be donated to a new media institute in a complex transaction aimed at providing quality journalism for generations.

Currently, the publications and websites are run by the Philadelphia Media Network, owned by Gerry Lenfest, who told Philly.com why the new institute at the nonprofit Philadelphia Foundation is of crucial importance to him.

"Of all the things I've done, this is the most important," Lenfest was quoted by Philly.com, "because of the journalism."

The new arrangement, while unprecedented, is designed to ensure that public-interest reporting will remain preserved even as electronic distribution becomes more developed, Philly.com reported.

Within the Philadelphia Foundation, the new Institute for Journalism in New Media will be headed by a board composed mainly of journalism school deans and academic and foundation executives, the Washington Post reported in a related article.

"[Lenfest] thinks that journalism is so fundamentally important to a great city and society, he wants to ensure it has a great future," Philadelphia Media Network publisher and CEO Terrance C.Z. Egger said to Philly.com.

Lenfest made his wealth as a cable executive and has donated billions to charity, the Washington Post added.

He was quoted in Philanthropy magazine, saying: "I think eventually it would be wonderful if nonprofits would own newspapers. … Eventually, I foresee foundations taking over newspapers."

The Inquirer, the Daily News and Philly.com collectively reach more than 8 million readers per month, according to the Washington Post.

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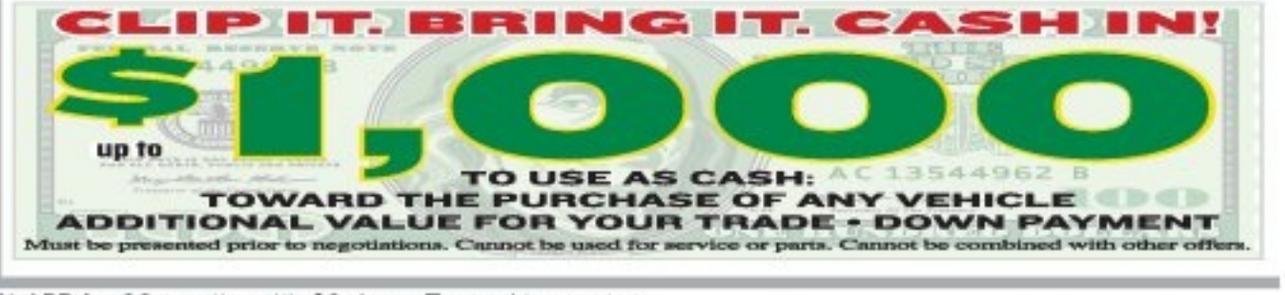
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Iran holds 10 US sailors; US officials expect prompt return

Ten sailors aboard two U.S. Navy boats were seized by Iran in the Gulf on Tuesday, and Tehran told the United States the crew members would be promptly returned, U.S. officials said.

"We have received assurances from the Iranians that our sailors are safe and that they will be allowed to continue their journey promptly," White House spokesman Josh Earnest told CNN.

A senior U.S. defense official said the U.S. had lost contact earlier in the day with two small craft en route from Kuwait to Bahrain. U.S. officials told Reuters it was unclear how or if the boats became disabled.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif assured Secretary of State John Kerry that the U.S. sailors would be allowed to continue their journey promptly, another U.S. official said.

While both sides appeared eager not to let the incident escalate further, it came at a delicate time for U.S.-Iranian relations. Iran and six world powers forged a landmark nuclear accord last July.

Formal implementation of the accord could begin in days following steps Iran agreed to take to curb its nuclear activities.

Iran's semi-official Fars news agency said Iranian Revolutionary Guards had detained the vessels after they "illegally" entered Iranian territorial waters in the Gulf. The two boats were seized near Farsi Island 2 km (1.2 miles) inside Iranian territorial waters, it said.

Officials from Iran and the United States are negotiating to free the crew, Fars reported. U.S. defense officials said nine men and one woman were aboard the two vessels seized.

News of the incident broke as President Barack Obama prepared to make his final State of the Union address to Congress. He is due to leave office in January 2017.

They were on board two riverine patrol boats, one of the officials said. Riverine boats are 38-foot long, high-speed patrol boats used by the U.S. Navy and Marines to patrol rivers and littoral waters. REUTERS

Syrians wait on the outskirts of the besieged rebel-held Syrian town of Madaya. GETTY IMAGES

UN investigation into starving Syrian town

The U.N. inquiry, composed of independent experts, has long denounced use of starvation by both sides in the Syrian conflict as a weapon of war.

Residents of a besieged Syrian town have told U.N. investigators how the weakest in their midst, deprived of food and medicines in violation of international law, are suffering starvation and death, the top U.N. war crimes investigator told Reuters on Tuesday.

An aid convoy on Monday brought the first food and medical relief for three months to the western town of Madaya, where 40,000 people are trapped by encircling government forces.

Another United Nations official who oversaw the aid delivery described on Tuesday how he saw malnourished residents, particularly children, some of whom were little more than skeletons and barely moving.

The U.N. commission of inquiry documenting war crimes in Syria has been in direct contact with residents inside Madaya, the commission's chairman Paulo Pinheiro said in an emailed reply to Reuters questions.

"They have provided detailed information on shortages of food, water, qualified physicians and medicine. This has led to acute malnutrition and deaths among vulnerable groups in the town." he said in the email sent from his native Brazil.

"Siege tactics, by their nature, target the civilian population by subjecting them to starvation, denial of basic essential services and medicines," Pinheiro said on Tuesday.

Rebel forces are also besieging the government-held villages of Foua and Kafraya in Idlib province, where U.N. supplies were also delivered on Monday, Pinheiro noted. Islamic State fighters are besieging government-held areas of Deir al-Zor, he added. REUTERS

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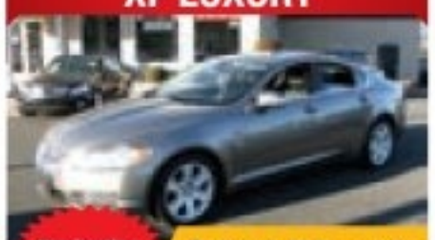
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Biden: Sanders has 'struck a chord with voters' in race with Clinton

Sanders has argued that he is a more authentic choice to be the party's nominee.

A food cart vendor shows his support for Bernie Sanders in New York City. BILLY BECERRA, METRO

Vice President Joe Biden praised Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders for tapping into Americans' concerns about growing income inequality, potentially giving the Vermont senator a boost as he gains on rival Hillary Clinton weeks before the Iowa caucuses.

Sanders tries to undermine Clinton's double-digit lead in national polls by gaining ground in the important early nominating states of Iowa and New Hampshire.

In an interview with CNN, Biden said Sanders' focus on the growing gap between the very rich and other Americans has struck a chord with voters.

"Bernie is speaking to a yearning that is deep and real and he has credibility on it," Biden said. "And that is the absolute enormous concentration of wealth in a small group of people with the new class now being able to be shown being left out."

He said Clinton, who is campaigning in Iowa on Tuesday, had not focused on income inequality as long.

"It's relatively new for Hillary to talk about that," Biden said. "Hillary's focus has been other things up to now and that's been Bernie's. No one questions Bernie's authenticity on those issues."

On Tuesday, Biden said that was not a criticism of Clinton, a former U.S. secretary of state. He told NBC's "Today" show that her focus had rightly been on foreign policy, while income inequality had long been Sanders' "mantra."

The Biden interviews came before President Barack Obama's final State of the Union address on Tuesday night.

While Clinton has a large national lead in the polls, she has struggled to make solid gains in Iowa and New Hampshire, which hold outsized influence on the election process.

On Tuesday, a Quinnipiac University poll showed Sanders climbed to 49 percent in Iowa, a 5 percentage point lead over Clinton going in to the Feb. 1 caucuses. He widened his lead in New Hampshire by 14 points, a Monmouth University poll said. The polls had an error margin of 4.4 and 4.8 points, respectively.

> *"Even when income inequality wasn't as serious as it is today, it was his drumbeat."*
>
> Biden

Biden was courted by some Democrats to seek the presidential nomination but declined, citing family obligations after his son Beau Biden died of cancer last year. Within the party, concerns remain whether Clinton can overcome a lack of enthusiasm among voters. REUTERS

BRIEF

Republican Rubio authors Senate bill to curb Cuban immigration benefits

Sen. Marco Rubio, a Republican presidential candidate, and a fellow Cuban-American lawmaker introduced legislation on Tuesday that would cut back on some of the special benefits given to immigrants from Cuba.

Rubio introduced the bill in the Senate and has made his Cuban heritage a theme of his campaign for his party's nomination to run for the White House in the November election. But the Florida senator has also questioned the generous benefits given to immigrants from the Communist-ruled island.

Republican Rep. Carlos Curbelo, also of Florida, introduced the measure in the House of Representatives.

President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced in December 2014 they would seek more normal relations. In July, diplomatic ties were restored after 54 years of enmity.

Rubio and Curbelo are staunch opponents of the policy shift, saying Cuba's government must protect human rights for its citizens before benefiting from closer U.S. ties. REUTERS

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Mother of Texas 'affluenza' teen released from jail

Tonya Couch is charged with helping her son Ethan flee to Mexico, likely in violation of a probation deal that allowed him to avoid prison for the crash that killed four people.

Tonya Couch GETTY IMAGES

The mother of a Texas teen who was derided for his "affluenza" defense in a fatal drunk driving crash was released from a county jail on Tuesday and placed under home confinement on an electronic monitor, a sheriff said.

Tonya Couch posted a bond on Monday after a judge reduced her bail to $75,000 from $1 million on the third-degree felony charge, which calls for up to 10 years in prison. Her lawyers had argued that the original amount was excessively high.

Judge Wayne Salvant on Monday also ordered Couch to stay with another of her sons, report weekly to authorities and have an electronic monitor.

"She will be monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days of the year," Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson said in a telephone interview. "She will be confined to her son's house except for visits to doctors and her attorney."

Anderson told reporters on Monday there was a possibility Tonya Couch could flee again.

A psychiatrist testifying on behalf of Ethan Couch, then 16, at his 2013 trial in juvenile court, contended his family's wealth had left him so spoiled that it impaired his judgment to tell right from wrong.

The affluenza diagnosis, which is not recognized by the American Psychiatric Association, was widely ridiculed. REUTERS

7 Things You Must Know Before Putting Your Home Up for Sale

Philadelphia - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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NFL panel recommends Carson for proposed Los Angeles stadium

A committee of National Football League owners recommended a proposal for a stadium in the Los Angeles suburb of Carson that is backed by the San Diego Chargers, the NFL said on Tuesday.

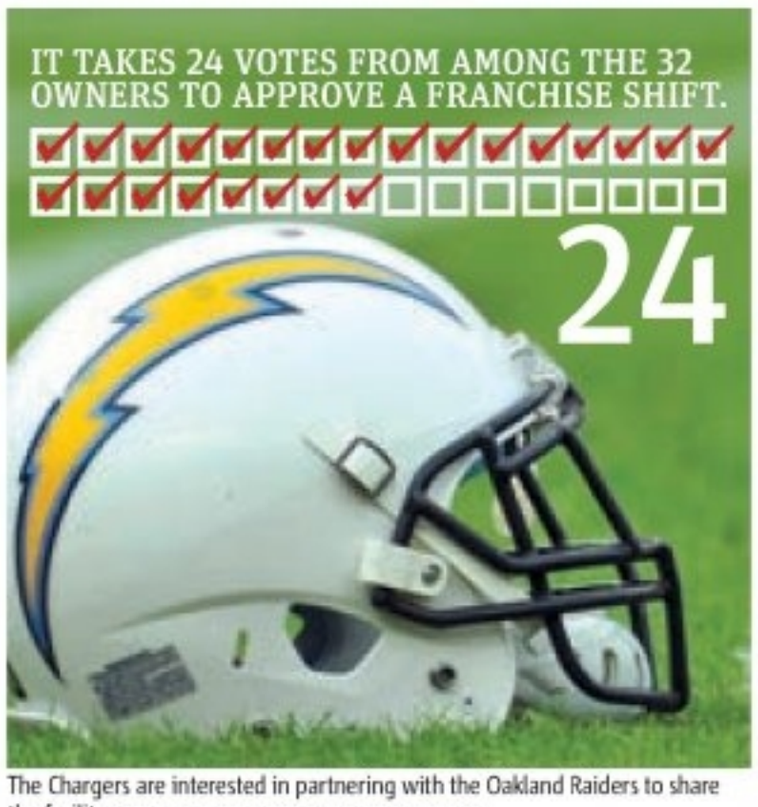
The six-member committee's recommendation, which still requires a ratification vote by the league's 32 owners who are meeting in Houston to discuss the matter, comes as three NFL teams are seeking to relocate to the Los Angeles area.

The recommendation of Carson over a rival proposal for a stadium in Inglewood backed by the St. Louis Rams would appear to favor the plan from the Chargers, who are interested in partnering with the Oakland Raiders to share the facility.

The Rams had proposed building a stadium in Inglewood, roughly 10 miles from downtown Los Angeles.

Owners are also considering a compromise proposed by Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones to have the Chargers and Rams share the new stadium.

Los Angeles has been without an NFL team for 21 seasons, abandoned in 1995 by both the St. Louis-bound Rams and the Raiders, who returned to Oakland, both frustrated by an inability to get a new stadium in Los Angeles. REUTERS



The Chargers are interested in partnering with the Oakland Raiders to share the facility. GETTY IMAGES, GRAPHIC BY BILLY BECERRA, METRO

BRIEF

Appeal in Baltimore officer's murder trial to be heard in March

A Maryland appeals court on Tuesday set March 4 for arguments over whether a Baltimore police officer charged in the death of a black detainee must testify against a colleague accused of murder in the same incident.

The scheduling by the Maryland Court of Special Appeals could disrupt the months-long timetable for six Baltimore officers facing trial for the death of Freddie Gray in April. His death from a broken neck suffered in a police van triggered protests and rioting and fed a U.S. debate on race and policing.

The appeals court on Monday ordered a delay in the trial of Officer Caesar Goodson Jr., the van's driver, while it determined whether Officer William Porter should be compelled to testify against him and Sergeant Alicia White.

Goodson, 46, is charged with second-degree depraved heart murder, the most serious accusation raised in Gray's death. Porter's trial on involuntary manslaughter and other charges ended in a hung jury last month, and a retrial is set for June.

Prosecutors want Porter as a witness against Goodson and White. Porter's lawyers appealed Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Barry Williams' ruling that forced Porter to testify since he had been offered immunity from prosecution for what he might say on the stand.

Goodson's trial had been scheduled to begin on Monday, and White's is set to start on Feb. 8.

With Baltimore police under heightened scrutiny, Police Commissioner Kevin Davis said on Tuesday the department would restructure its internal affairs procedures to make them more transparent. Changes will include public viewing of disciplinary hearings via live video streaming.

The greater public access is in line with recommendations from a state legislative task force on police reforms set up after Gray's death.

The group completed its report on Monday, the Baltimore Sun reported. The recommendations include more rights for victims of police brutality and trimming of special rights for officers.

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A robotic drone its makers call "Fleye" is both smart and safe thanks to a myriad of sensors, a powerful onboard computer and its unique shape.

"We have a single-propeller machine where the propeller is inside a ball so you don't see anything moving from the outside. You can touch it, you can bump into it and you won't hurt yourself," said Laurent Eschenauer, CEO & co-founder of Belgian tech company Fleye.

The rotor of the flying robot is encased in a plastic sphere about the size of a soccer ball. Developers say that along with its safety features, what sets their robot apart is its autonomous capabilities powered by an onboard dual-core computer.

"Fleye is supercharged with sensors like most drones, accelerometers, gyros, altimeters. It is also using computer vision to find where it is in space, especially indoors where you don't have GPS. So, Fleye is capable of staying on the same spot hovering without any pilot controlling it just by looking at the environment so it knows where it is," Eschenauer said.

A video still from a "Fleye" demonstration. "FLEYE" YOUTUBE

"So we have a vision of the future of flying robots which becomes totally autonomous. So no more pilot in the loop, floating around us and helping us with many different tasks, collecting data, transporting things for us," he added.

The company has raised $300,000 to date on Kickstarter, a good start for a flying robot that can snap the perfect selfie of its user. Fleye was unveiled last week at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. REUTERS

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Famous TV hosts share their first jobs

Bob Eubanks, Alex Trebek and Vanna White reveal how they started out.

If you boiled down television to its purest essence, you might end up with a game-show host. People like Alex Trebek of "Jeopardy!" have become such a part of the culture, and appear in our living rooms so often, that it feels as if they are part of the family. We talk to some legendary U.S. game-show hosts about their first gigs. REUTERS

Vanna White

Co-host, "Wheel of Fortune"
First job: Soda jerk

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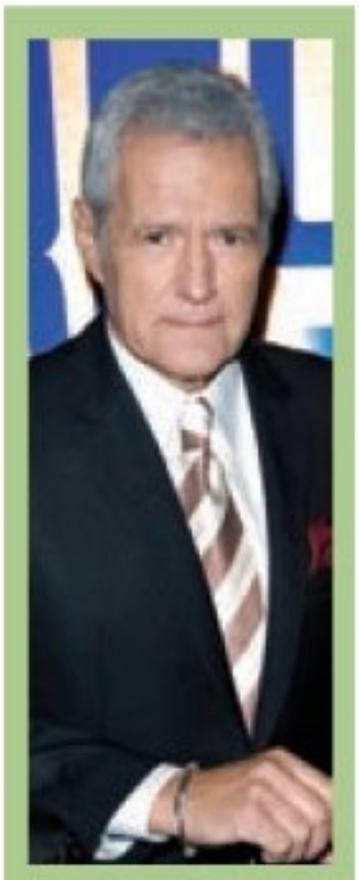
"My first real job was when I was around 13, and back in those days it was called a 'soda jerk'. It was [at a] drugstore with a soda fountain. I worked at the counter making things like lemonade, egg-salad sandwiches and hamburgers. I don't remember what I made per hour, but I'm sure it was minimal. That job also taught me basic social skills. That's because of all that time standing behind the counter. After you give the customer a burger, you start talking to them and learning about their lives. I started feeling more confident about dealing with people."

Bob Eubanks

Former host, "The Newlywed Game"
First job: Doorman

"I was a doorman at the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood, and I used to open the door for celebrities like Red Skelton and Cary Grant. I remember seeing the movie 'Oklahoma!' for 26 weeks in a row, twice a day. I could recite the whole movie to you. One day I was asked to clean the marquee, and I'm very afraid of heights. There I am, up on a ladder with wheels, pulling myself along, when a bunch of tough guys came walking up. They hit my ladder, and I started rolling down Hollywood Boulevard, scared to death. Then I see them coming back for more, and just as they got to my ladder, I slid down, grabbed a broom, and whacked one of the guys in the back of the head. At that very moment the manager walked out of the box office, seeing the whole thing. He said, 'You're fired.' So when I was eventually nominated for the Hollywood Walk of Fame, I said, 'I want it right in front of the Egyptian Theatre.' And that's where it is today."



Alex Trebek

Host, "Jeopardy!"
First job: Bellhop

"My first job was as a bellhop at the Nickel Range Hotel in Sudbury, Ontario. My dad got me the job at the hotel where he was the chef. On my first day of work, I was four hours late. Not a good start."

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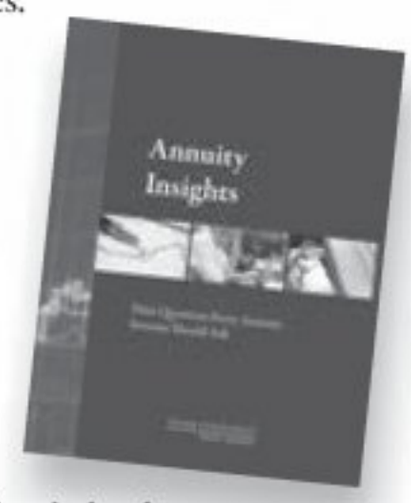

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Nick Cannon gives up on love forever

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After getting divorced from Mariah Carey, Nick Cannon no longer believes love can last forever, or so he implies in an interview with Dujour magazine. Cannon says he "highly doubts" he'll get married again, explaining: "A friend of mine put it the funniest way. He said, 'If you heard that there was a 50/50 chance of living or dying when you jump out of a plane, you probably wouldn't go skydiving.'" Someone give this guy a hug!

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Kris Jenner is totally into the idea of a Kardashian 'Bachelorette' show

What's next for the Kardashian-Jenner empire? Well, it could be a "Bachelorette"-esque dating show featuring one of the single sisters. Momager Kris Jenner was a recent guest on "Bachelor Live" with current "Bachelor" Chris Soules and when asked if one of the Jenner-Kardashian girls would ever host a similar dating show, Jenner said she could probably talk one of them into it. We would expect nothing less from you, Kris. Considering Kourtney, Khloe, Kendall and Kylie are all single, she definitely has options. Hey, maybe she should use this as a way to get Tyga as far away from the family as possible?

DAILY VIDEO

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Subway rider gives the shirt off his back to a shivering stranger

Commuting can put even the nicest person in a bit of a bad mood, but a video of a real-life good Samaritan helping someone in need is going viral. New Yorker Lazaro Nolasco was riding the subway Friday night when he saw a guy go up to a shivering, shirtless man and give him the shirt he was wearing and a beanie. The world isn't such a terrible place after all. Watch the video at Metro.us.

James Franco wants to paint you

If you failed to get James Franco as your NYU professor, the opportunities are not over for getting up close and personal with the modern day Renaissance man. Franco is looking to paint one person — and a very lucky plus one — and while you pose, the three of you can talk about life and take selfies. Yep. This is for real. The winner also gets flown out to wherever this is all going to go down and put up in a four-star hotel. But Franco isn't doing this just to add it to his book-long resume. It's all for charity. Nonprofit (Red) is auctioning this up to the highest bidder. Head to Omaze.com for details.

NOAH CYRUS/INSTAGRAM

This is what happens when Miley is your role model big sister

Is the world ready for another Cyrus posing in pasties with her tongue out? Luckily, we don't seem to be there yet, though the time might not be far off. Noah Cyrus threw an epic "American Horror Story: Freak Show" themed birthday party this week for her sweet 16. First, great theme. Going over the top seems to run in the fam. The party was DJed by Brandi Cyrus (we forgot that other sister existed, too) and the gaggle of teen girls in attendance were given makeovers by BeGlammed. Unfortunately, Miley didn't make an appearance at the party, but it looks like Noah was having way too much fun to even notice.

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Carmen Electra: 'Ex' marks the spot

The former "Baywatch" star helps couples cut the cord on "Ex Isle."

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Carmen Electra is no stranger to airing dirty laundry on television. She did, after all, let MTV chronicle her march to the altar with Dave Navarro 12 years ago on "Til Death Do Us Part." So she's the perfect host for "Ex Isle," which takes couples in toxic relationships to the Caribbean for some couples therapy — all with the aim of getting them to split up for good.

How did they first explain this to you?
Basically the concept of this show was, "We're bringing these five couples to a remote island, you're going to be the host of it, we're bringing in a professional psychiatrist. These couples are basically in very unhealthy and co-dependent relationships, and they feel they need to figure out their issues on how to either move on or get things together." Some people choose to work that stuff out on television. I mean, I chose to get married on TV.

Usually with reality shows the goal isn't to break people up.
I had to deliver quite a lot of bad news, I have to say. There were moments when people had breakdowns, fights. And there were moments where there was crying because of happiness, because of learning. I know some people came out of it heartbroken and some came out stronger. I can definitely see a little bit of myself in a lot of these couples. I was getting upset about the way that certain people were getting treated, but I had to remain kind of like a viewer from the outside. I definitely shared lots of my personal experiences with them, but when it came down to business, it was Dr. Ish [Major]. He definitely broke them down and turned things around.

It just sounds like such a strange environment for that.
We had rules for them. There were no cellphones, no communication with your family or friends. They were basically put on this island without all of those things to fall back on. No texting, nothing. Basically just going out there for three weeks to the Dominican Republic in this beautiful mansion. It's exile. It's dramatic.

And then there's the twist in the middle.
Right. At one point we had a huge surprise for them — we brought in all of these singles, and they were cheering and so excited, and then some of them started to go, "Wait a minute, you're a little bit too excited about this." There was some cheating and some openness to what went on, but … a lot goes on. [Laughs] A whole lot.

Is this the kind of situation you would recommend for anyone you know?
I'm not against therapy in any way, at all. Sometimes you need a third person, and a lot of times you can't see your own behavior or your own co-dependencies. What I always say is life's too short and everyone deserves to be happy, so do what it takes and figure it out, get to that place however you can.

Even if that means going on a TV show in the Dominican Republic?
Even if it means exposing all your baggage to everybody in a public way — which I've done! So who am I to judge?

The mansion looked pretty nice, but were there any not-so-pleasant experiences while filming?
I had a spider crawl up my dress. It was a huge tarantula. It was the biggest spider I'd ever seen in my life. I didn't know that the Dominican is very famous for their spiders, and spiders are my phobia. I sat down at a table during one of the parties and was just talking to the contestants, and I literally felt something crawl up my leg. I look down, I lift up my skirt and I saw this big, black, furry thing on my thigh and literally screamed, jumped out of my chair. I was ripping off my dress, alcohol spilling everywhere. It was utter chaos.

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Ratatat gets real on the art of creating 'Magnifique' music

What exactly are the stories behind songs with no lyrics? Ratatat's Evan Mast fills us in.

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Brooklyn-based duo rock/electronica instrumental Ratatat (Evan Mast and Mike Stroud) know how to put on a good show. In fact, they've become so good at it that they basically tour nonstop, which is why it took them five years to release their fifth album, "Magnifique," last summer.

"From the beginning, we always wanted to play actual instruments on stage rather than do a laptop set or DJ kind of thing just because it's more interesting to watch," Mast tells us. While the duo play live instruments on stage, they also add elements, like lights and lasers making their show's visually stimulating as well.

The live shows, in turn, influence their sound. "When we got into the studio, we were responding to have been touring a lot and we really wanted to make songs that would be effective live. For us, that meant getting back into guitar."

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Evan Mast and Mike Stroud of Ratatat. ASGER CARLSON

Naming songs with no lyrics

As a purely instrumental band, it's harder to know what Ratatat's songs are about. All the listener has to go on is the sound and song titles such as "Cream On Chrome" and "Pricks of Brightness," which aren't saying much.

"Usually a song starts with something we are influenced by, like a sound or a feeling," Mast says. "Then we start reacting to that, adding another layer and then reacting to that and adding another layer. It's very intuitive. I went to school for visual art [Mast and Stroud met at Skidmore College] and it's very much like creating an abstract painting or collage. The song starts to have some kind of emotion, and once we see that, it's about pushing that as much as we can."

When it comes to naming a song — or collection of songs — with no lyrics, Mast says he and Stroud simply try out different ideas until something feels right. Both guys have total veto power over names — if they don't both 100 percent love it, it's a no-go.

Hibernating in the studio

When Mast and Stroud work on an album, they seclude themselves for weeks at a time. For the duration of writing and recording the songs, it's just the two of them.

Mast says reemerging can be jarring, especially since both live in New York. "It's a really weird experience because you're working so intensely for that period and you're so focused on the music," he says.

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"TRAINING DAY"

Denzel Washington scored his second Oscar by going bad in "Training Day." PROVIDED

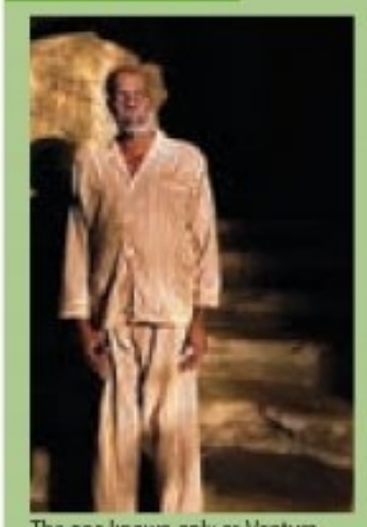
Denzel Washington just received the Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievement at the Golden Globes, which makes it a good time to revisit his rabid turn as a crooked cop in "Training Day." But the movie has more going for it than Denzel. As his rookie partner, Ethan Hawke finally showed he could do more than brood angstily. And director Antoine Fuqua found the right mix of smarts and trash.

"WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN"

Tilda Swinton tries and fails to keep it together in "We Need to Talk About Kevin." OSCILLOSCOPE PICTURES

One thing Tilda Swinton does better than most is wigging-out. She won her Oscar for playing a flabbergasted company lawyer in "Michael Clayton," and she unravels even better as a mother whose son (Ezra Miller) unleashed a Columbine-style massacre. The film, by Scotland's great Lynne Ramsay ("Morvern Callar"), mirrors her fractured psyche, jumping around the timeline and focusing on someone who treated motherhood grouchily even before realizing she'd birthed a bad egg.

"HORSE MONEY"



The one known only as Ventura appears in Pedro Costa's "Horse Money." CINEMA GUILD

Portuguese filmmaker Pedro Costa is a hard sell: the most minimalist of minimalists, the most austere of the austere. Many of his films, like "In Vanda's Room" and "Colossal Youth," stare dead-eyed on the impoverished, in grungy long takes that never seem to end. Angry yet playful, "Horse Money" is a series of elegant video tableaux about the country's forgotten immigrants from the Ivory Coast, who struggle to get hospital care but are ignored and stuck roaming the shadows.

David Bowie performs during the Ziggy Stardust era at Hammersmith Odeon, 1973. GETTY IMAGES

With his last album, "Blackstar," David Bowie went out the way he always was: weird JIMMY KING

David Bowie was a weirdo like us

I usually don't cover music. I love it, I listen to it and it's a huge part of my life, but I don't write about it. Today, there wasn't really a choice. The news came in late Sunday that David Bowie had passed away from cancer at the age of 69. Celebrity deaths happen all the time, and those of musicians are often not a surprise. Stone Temple Pilots' Scott Weiland, sad as that was, didn't exactly come as a shock after his years of drug addiction. David Bowie, though — he's immortal. He's the Goblin King. How is it possible that he's gone?

I was thinking about why this one hit me so hard, and judging by the reaction on social media, it seems like I'm not the only one to find this more devastating than the average celebrity passing. I came to this conclusion: He was a weirdo. He was odd. He wasn't what anyone expected him to be. He was one of us.

So, why is a geek reporter covering music today? Because many of us have felt the same. We feel weird. We like things other people don't. (Well, now everyone likes them, but geek hasn't been chic for all that long.) We feel "off." Sometimes people don't know how to react to us.

Bowie cosplayed, dressing up in strange costumes and creating alter egos. He became Ziggy Stardust and then The Thin White Duke. He created a super-weird video game that had sex shops and demons. (It's "Omikron: The Nomad Soul," if you're interested.) He wrote music about space (which pretty much ensured that I'd have space phobia forever). He made grand gestures like putting out an album as a final goodbye to his fans with lyrics we'll be dissecting for years. He was dramatic. He lived differently. He was special.

I sometimes think that, as geeks, we love the things we love because they stand out from the normal, mundane world. They make us matter in some way. They make us feel like we won't fade into the background of day-to-day life and bills and kids and mortgages. Being weird means we were here.

All hail the Goblin King. Rest in peace.

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Comedy gets no respect

Carl N. Wallnau plays Chick Sherman in the Arden's production of "Funnyman." MARK GARVIN

Philly playwright Bruce Graham gives us a vaudeville star up against a changing society in the new "Funnyman."

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What's a baggy-pants comedian to do when vaudeville gives way to the avant garde? That problem was faced by actual comedy giants as their careers went on the decline: Both silent film legend Buster Keaton and cowardly lion Bert Lahr worked with Samuel Beckett in their twilight years. In Philly playwright Bruce Graham's new "Funnyman," the same bewildering fate befalls comedian Chick Sherman in 1959, as the one-time vaudeville favorite prepares to star in a production of "Waiting for Godot."

"Everybody loves comedy, but nobody really respects it," Graham says. "Comedy is like the kid's table. When it's done right, it looks easy. You don't see the hours and years spent perfecting it. Nobody ever takes them seriously until they step out of character and do something serious, and suddenly they're great actors. You can trace that to Jim Carrey, Adam Sandler or Steve Martin — every couple years they do a serious film hoping to get their Oscar."

Starting in standup

Graham knows how hard comedy can be. At 16, he started doing stand-up at open mic nights, and formed a duo with comedian Billy Elmer that helped put him through college. He also teaches a class on standup at Drexel. He's since channeled his gifts for humor onto the theatrical stage, with shows like "The Philly Fan" and "Stella and Lou," while his fascination with outsize personalities found its hometown pinnacle with last year's acclaimed "Rizzo." Chick Sherman combines a bit of both qualities.

"Chick Sherman was a star for years on Broadway and in vaudeville, and he doesn't understand the way Broadway is going. He doesn't understand 'A Streetcar Named Desire' or plays like that," Graham says. "His whole world has changed and he wasn't the nicest guy in the world to start with, as most comics aren't, so he's pretty bitter about it."

Brave new world

The play is set at a time when America was going through a period of turbulent change on multiple fronts; most relevant to Chick, the theater was turning away from lightweight entertainment to serious topical drama, while TV was ushering in an era of canned laughter and at-home entertainment. "We're on the verge of big changes in the world," Graham says, "and here's a guy who still wants to put a seltzer bottle down his pants and wonders why he's not getting work."

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Bring on the junk drawer!

There's a reason you haven't started that "get organized" New Year's resolution yet, and the reason is simple: It's an overwhelming chore. Well, for most of us at least. You see, some people not only enjoy finding order in the chaos, but they enjoy it so much they've made it into a career. Before you forget all about your 2016 pledge, we hit up some professional organizers for their top tips.

Start small

If you resolved to learn to cook this year, you wouldn't start with hosting a six-course dinner party. Likewise, you don't want to kick off your organizing plan with a garage overhaul. "The junk drawer is the perfect starter project because it's a microcosm of your entire home," says New York-based organizer Jeni Aron, owner of Clutter Cowgirl. "You can sort your junk drawer in a half-hour to an hour. And then you can move on to a bigger challenge with confidence."

Get a handle on your paperwork

You know those papers on your coffee table? Well, more are coming in tomorrow's mail. The good news? It's fairly simple to get a handle on. "A quick solution is to gather all your current papers in one place and divide everything into three piles: To Do, To Read and To File," advises Debbie Lillard, author of "A Mom's Guide to Home Organization." "If unopened mail is included in that pile of paperwork, open it and discard envelopes and excess materials. Then tackle one pile at a time until you are caught up. Just having it all in one place will make you feel more in control."

Confront the closet

More than any other space, closets are prone to becoming cluttered, daunting pits. "If you haven't worn something in a year, you probably won't wear it again," says New York-based organizer Aly Finkelstein, of Organized by Aly. "Scan your closet and then bag all of your unwanted clothes for either resale or, preferably, donation." While you're in there, she says to replace those warped, mismatched, clothes-snagging hangers — it's the new year, after all.

Think digital

Organizing isn't limited to your physical space these days. You know all of those pictures floating around in your email and text messages? Rescue them before they float away into the digital ether. "Organizing last year's digital photos is the type of project you can accomplish in an afternoon," says Philadelphia-area professional organizer Crystal Sabalaske, owner of Cluttershrink. "Search by year, select those you want to print and then file everything away in dated folders." Next up? The owner's manuals to your electronics. Sabalaske suggests rounding them up, deciding which ones are important to keep then filing away by room.

One pile at a time.

If you haven't worn it in a year, it's time to evaluate.

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Apartment renting 101

We hit up the experts for what you need to know before signing that lease — plus three ways to save money.

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Is a new apartment on your New Year's resolution list? If so, you've probably already started poking around — and you may have noticed that things look a little different out there. Whether you're renting your first apartment in Philly or you're a seasoned vet, here's what you need to know in 2016.

1 It's going to cost more

Rents are going up across the country, with urban markets seeing the biggest increases. "Cities are definitely feeling the brunt of it since they are the more desirable locations for most people to live, both in terms of entertainment options and job opportunities," says Niccole Schreck, senior brand manager at Rent.com. "Most residents are paying upward of 40 percent of their income on rent —10 percent more than the recommended 30 percent."

2 But there are still deals

For the budget-conscious renter, the 2016 Philly market still has some steals. "You can still find very good deals throughout Philly, but some notable neighborhoods that have nice bargains are Point Breeze and Fishtown," says Rich Lauletta, chief marketing officer for The Philly Apartment Co., a free apartment matchmaking service for renters. "Opposite ends of the city, but both have rent prices that are undervalued compared to what that same home would be selling for."

Realtor Katherine Cohen Jordan and her partner, Chad Jordan, also recommend South Philly and Fishtown to bargain hunters. "Passyunk Square is a great area to find affordable rentals. With a walking score of 97 and tons of great bars and restaurants you can't go wrong," they say. "The Frankford Corridor is also a really great spot to rent right now. Access to fantastic live music, bars, restaurants, art galleries — you name it. Both neighborhoods are a walker's or biker's paradise."

3 Posh pads await

Price not a problem? If you're ready to upgrade, 2016 Philadelphia has the luxe accommodations you're looking for. "We're seeing a lot of brand-new apartment buildings being built where renters are OK paying record-high rent prices for Philly in return for luxury residences and top-notch amenities," says Lauletta. On his worth-it list: 640 Lofts (pool, roof deck, yoga studio) 2116 Chestnut (green roof, club room, movie theater) and The Granary.

Realtors Katherine Cohen Jordan and Chad Jordan recommend Passyunk Square for bargain hunters. J. FUSCO FOR VISIT PHILADELPHIA

The help desk

If you're moving, The Philly Apartment Co. might be able to help — free. Landlords pay for the service, renters enjoy it. "On their own, a renter may waste a lot of time calling on apartments that are no longer available," says Lauletta. "We work with all properties, from a single condo or townhouse all the way up to the amenity-filled high-rises and apartment communities. Whatever the renter is looking for, we have it."

Three ways to save:

If a Rittenhouse rental isn't in the budget, we hear you. Here are three sneaky ways to save a few bucks, courtesy of Niccole Schreck of Rent.com.

- "Some property managers will agree to a lower rate for a longer lease term. If you love the apartment, consider a longer lease."
- "Price, quality and location: choose two. If you want to save money, you'll have to sacrifice quality or location."
- "Shop around for moving companies, and try to move during the week — it's less busy than the weekends."

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After a productive offseason, Phils look to be on upswing

Sports Illustrated grades the Phillies offseason an "A" as the season approaches.

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Many baseball experts foresee new prospect acquisition Vincent Velasquez as a future ace. GETTY IMAGES

The Philadelphia sports scene is at its nadir. The team which has arguably the brightest future finished 2015 with the worst record in major league baseball. Sports Illustrated recently gave the Phillies an "A" for its offseason.

The assessment is on the money considering the Ken Giles trade to the Houston Astros netted the Phillies a couple of viable starting pitching prospects. Vincent Velasquez, a righthander, who has a fastball that rests in the mid-90s, will have every opportunity to make the Phillies rotation next season. Mark Appel, the top pick of the 2013 draft, has struggled in the minors, but the Stanford product is essentially a lottery ticket. Perhaps a change of scenery will help Appel.

"I like what the Phillies have done this offseason," an NL scout said. "They got a lot for Giles. I like what they did and I like what they didn't do."

What that means is that the Phillies were wise enough to refrain from spending huge free agent dollars on poor free agent fits. The Phillies, who are enjoying a $2.5 billion windfall, are not in position to win now. So it doesn't make sense to be saddled with expensive, long-term deals.

"There will be a time when the Phillies can go after star free agents," the NL scout said. "That time is just not now. Some (experts) thought the Phillies should have gone after (Jason) Heyward. I didn't see the urgency."

With the exception of Ryan Howard and Carlos Ruiz, it'll be a very young team, which reports to Bright House Network field in a few weeks. Appel, J.P. Crawford, who projects to a future All-Star, according to Baseball Prospectus, Zach Eflin, a big-armed starter picked up in the Jimmy Rollins deal and Andrew Knapp, a highly touted catching prospect, who won the Paul Owens Award as the best player in the Phillies minor league system, are each non-roster invitees to spring training.

"You'll get to see a glimpse of the Phillies future when spring training starts," the NL scout said. "At this time last year, that's what everyone wanted to see. And now they're going to get it."

If you compare the Phillies to the moribund Sixers, who are trotting out what might be the worst NBA team of all time, the rudderless Eagles, who have a myriad question marks and the uneven Flyers, the local baseball team may have the most promise. Who would have ever guessed that in September?

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Should Birds talk to more coaches?

Is the Eagles' head coaching search finished after six interviews?

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The Bengals were fifth in the NFL in total offense this season under Hue Jackson. GETTY IMAGES

It has been two weeks since Chip Kelly was relieved of his duties. Reportedly, the Eagles have no more interviews for their coaching vacancy planned. If that means they've spoken to every candidate they have an interest in, there are some pretty notable names left off the list:

Sean McDermott

The most familiar candidate to Eagles fans and one of the first names mentioned when Chip Kelly was fired, McDermott is the Panthers' defensive coordinator. But you may know him better as the Eagles' defensive coordinator from 2009 to 2010 before he was fired.

Since then, McDermott has joined forces with another coach from the Andy Reid tree, Ron Rivera. Carolina is the No. 1 seed in the NFC playoffs. McDermott's defense led the NFL in interceptions and fumbles recovered, and ranked fifth and sixth in yards and points allowed, respectively.

The question here, is how much of it is McDermott's defense, and how much of it is Ron Rivera's. If we look at McDermott's work under an offense-oriented head coach like, say, Andy Reid, his record suffers.

Hue Jackson

The Bengals offensive coordinator oversaw a unit that finished fourth in the NFL in scoring this season. Jackson successfully used a tailback-by-committee approach with Jeremy Hill and Giovani Bernard, something that should be appealing considering the Eagles' roster. He comes with his players' recommendation, a big consideration in post-Kelly Philadelphia.

The weakness of Jackson as a candidate can also be traced to his tenure in Oakland. His year as head coach coincided with Al Davis' death, and in the power vacuum that followed Jackson got caught up in the politics of playing GM. That's also a pretty big red flag for this organization right now, and may be the reason the Eagles are seemingly uninterested in what should be one of the most interesting candidates available.

Paul Guenther

It was reported that the Eagles would be interviewing Guenther, among others, but that batch of interviews, which also included candidates like Dirk Koetter and Teryl Austin, has yet to materialize. Guenther is the Bengals' defensive coordinator, and in 2015 Cincinnati allowed 17.4 points per game, finishing second in the NFL in points allowed, behind just Seattle.

Guenther was the head coach of Ursinus College from 1997 to 2000 and was born in Bucks County, so he has the local ties to understand the expectations sitting on the head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Eagles, judging from the candidates they've interviewed, also appear to be focusing on picking a coach from the offensive side of the ball. This is nothing new for Jeffrey Lurie, but with pieces like Fletcher Cox, Jordan Hicks, and Eric Rowe to build around on defense, and several other supposedly talented pieces, the defense shouldn't be ignored.

The list of six

There is a good chance their next skipper will come from the six men who have interviewed already. Here's a brief overview of the resumes of the main contenders to be the Eagles' 23rd head coach:

Tom Coughlin: The former Giants and Jaguars head coach, two-time Super Bowl Champion with the Giants Stepped down in New York after 2015 finale.

Doug Pederson: Former Eagles quarterback (1999) and quarterbacks coach (2011-12.) Followed Andy Reid to Kansas City, where he serves as offensive coordinator.

Ben McAdoo: Giants offensive coordinator the past two seasons under Coughlin.

Duce Staley: Eagles running back (1997-2003.) Running backs coach for the Eagles since 2013.

Pat Shurmur: Eagles quarterbacks coach (2002-2008,) offensive coordinator (2013-2015,) and interim head coach following Chip Kelly's dismissal. Cleveland Browns' head coach from 2011 to 2012.

Adam Gase: The former Broncos offensive coordinator was hired as head coach by the Dolphins.

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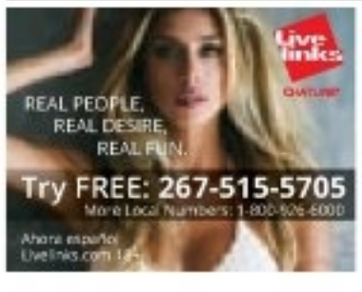

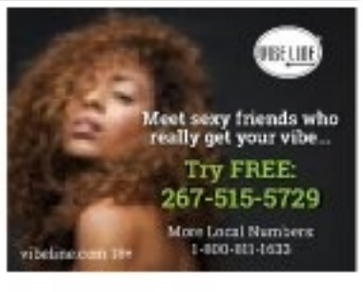

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2. Did better than
3. Estimation of worth
4. Producer of reds and whites
5. Ecstatic
6. Exceedingly
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22 Globetrotter
24 "A Hard Day's —"
26 CD preceders
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30 Licorice-flavored liqueur
35 Trophy
36 554, in old Rome
37 Of an epoch
38 Cagey
39 Close to flood stage
42 Feel crummy
43 Iodine source
45 Dots in "la mer"
46 Minneapolis exurb
48 Takes by surprise
50 Big occasions
51 Belly dance instrument
52 Surcharges
54 Drudged along
58 Jogs without togs
62 Up in the air
63 Costa —
65 Wishes undone
66 Jurors, e.g.
67 Rust component
68 Volcano fissure
69 Trap
70 Fiberglass bundle
71 Son of Aphrodite

Down

1 Fjord port
2 Ensure failure
3 Joie de vivre
4 Graduate course
5 Troubleshoots
6 Coffee or stew
7 Robin's beak
8 Aptitude —
9 Pauses
10 Manage
11 Rajah's consort
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13 Snug retreat
21 Fledglings
23 Popeye's girl
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31 Guitarist — Lofgren
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33 Pollute
34 Fitzgerald and Raines
36 Give out sparingly
40 Dorian Gray's creator
41 When pigs fly
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47 Earn
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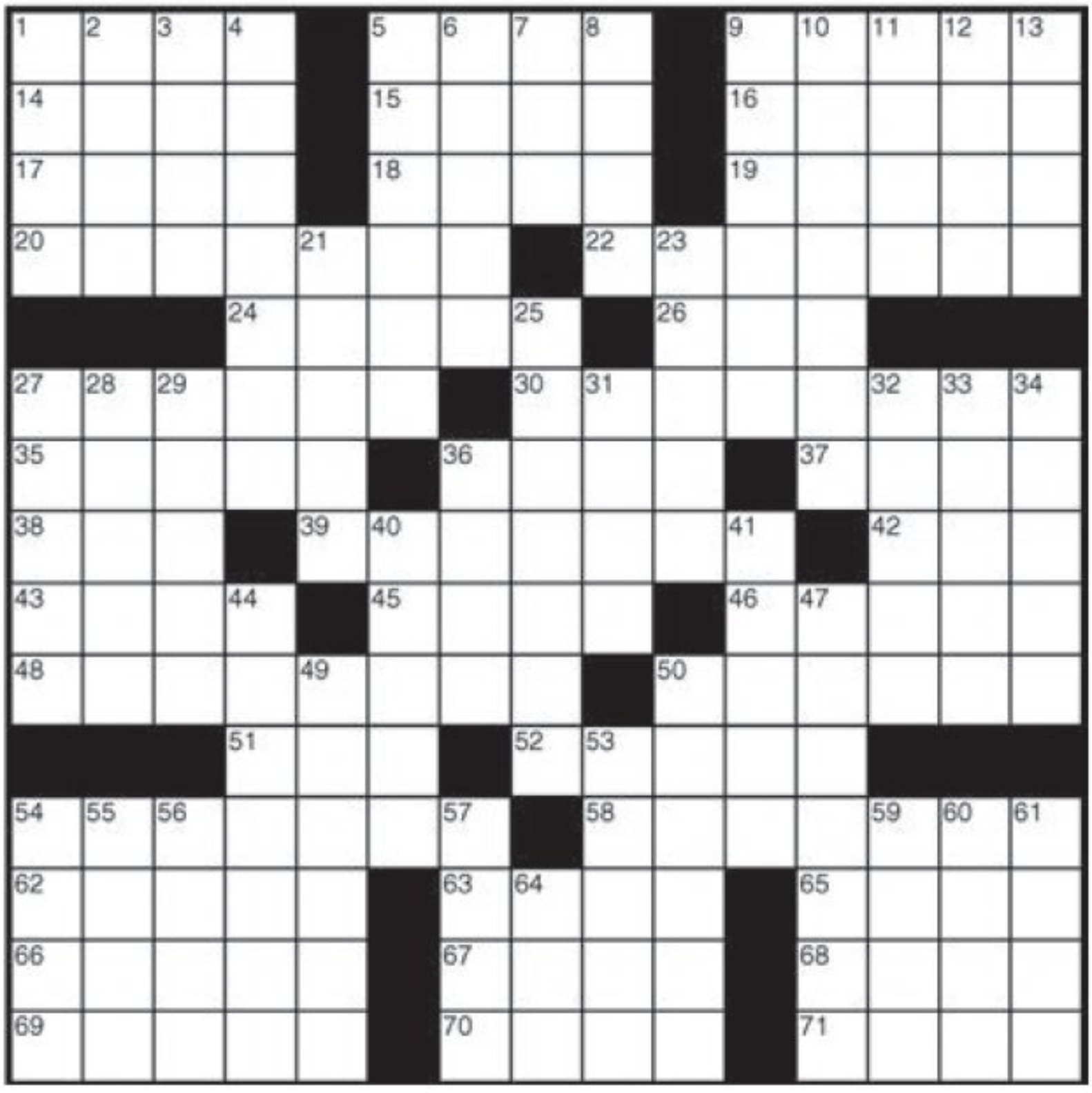

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Aries Put your thoughts in motion and be adamant about making things happen. Do something that makes you feel good about the way you look.

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Gemini Helping others is honorable, but if you give too much without getting something in return, you will feel used.

Cancer Take an alternate route and see where it leads you. An investment or home improvement project will turn out surprisingly well.

Leo Your ability to stir up excitement will draw unusual people to your side. Take a moment to confirm your adoration for someone you love.

Virgo Participate in a social event that promotes collaborations with people who share your interests. The end result will be a worthwhile partnership.

Libra A personal change won't be welcome by everyone, but it's time to do what pleases you. Don't let anyone guilt you into abandoning your plans.

Scorpio Time spent alone or with the person you enjoy being with most will lead to an interesting lifestyle change.

Sagittarius Don't expect everyone to do things your way. Make a point to avoid people who are not supportive or set a poor example.

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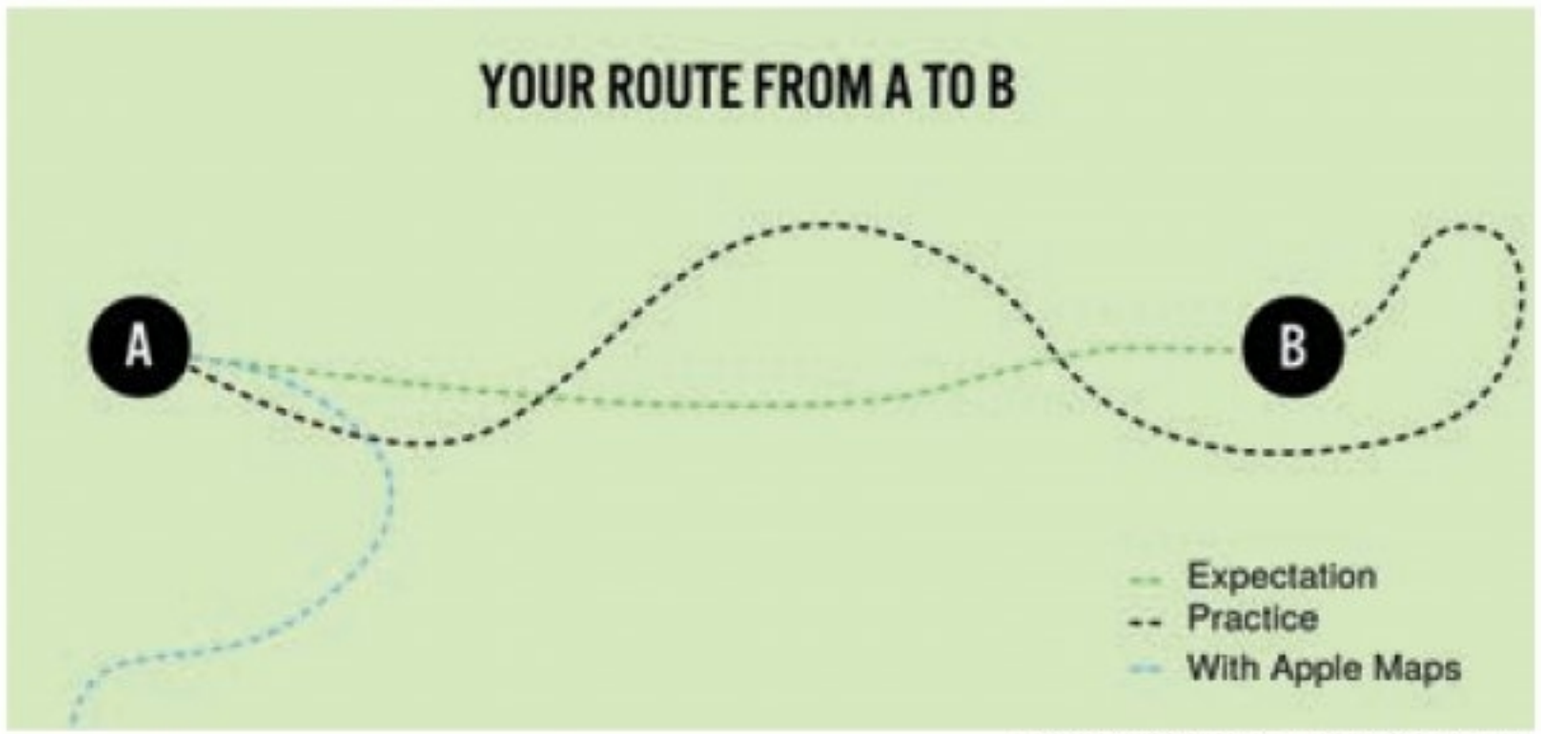

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